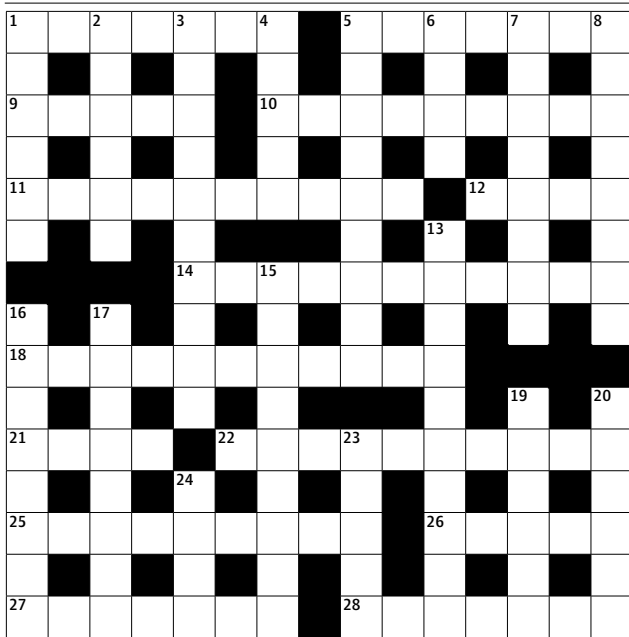


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,151 set by Paul

Across

- 1 See 27
- 5 Rugby player's given talk, which is painful (7)
- 9 Foreman's right missed, proving a mistake (5)
- 10 See 20
- 11 Pudding in book really hollow nonsense (10)
- 12 Hair may be fine (4)
- 14 Hollywood supporter drawing cross (11)
- 18 One describes what's going on plain spud, say (11)
- 21 Bring home master, take away leader (4)
- 22 It's easy carrying on about smoker, getting a few words in the papers (6,4)
- 25 Two times about to manipulate a girl? Not quite – he's taken one more! (9)
- 26 Panamanian port: food channel (5)
- 27,23,1 Dead, having mis-handled gun, his epitaph issued (7,2,3,7)
- 28 Through such sound advice, primarily, murder solved (7)

Down

- 1 Like one with toes but no middle fingers, say (6)
- 2 Public disgrace among kinsmen, one left out (6)
- 3 Those frozen, as single room without love is found (3,7)

- 4 Rope fibre is secured by sailor, then cut (5)
- 5 Lush getting in ultra drunk has planted kiss on top of you (9)
- 6 Banks consuming all your savings, for starters (4)
- 7 Danger as wildcat strikes heading into July (8)
- 8 Aircrew's frantic Geronimos, say? (3,5)
- 13 Ruin go-cart, customised vehicle (7,3)
- 15 Fastening, though going together (9)
- 16 Men in bar requiring bottle (8)
- 17 Males turning up with relations for sweets (8)
- 19 He might employ a spinner with passion, bagging Lancashire's opener (6)
- 20,10 Sing this – then I'll be square! (4,2,5-4)
- 23 See 27
- 24 African nation enclosed by another? (4)

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